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NEA FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY SAUNDERS FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: EAID, EG  
SUBJ: EGYPT AID LEVELS, 1980-82

1. I AM TOLD INFORMALLY THAT AID/WASHINGTON HAS PREPARED  
RECOMMENDED OPTION FOR FY 1980 ZBB OF \$600 MILLION IN  
TOTAL SSA FOR EGYPT, WITH THIS AMOUNT SCALED DOWN TO \$500  
MILLION IN ESTIMATE FOR 1981 AND \$400 MILLION IN 1982. I  
DO NOT KNOW WHAT DEPARTMENT'S POSITION IS ON THIS MATTER,  
BUT I WISH TO EXPRESS HERE MY SERIOUS RESERVATIONS ABOUT  
DIMUNITION OF US AID SUPPORT LEVEL, AT VERY LEAST IN  
TERMS OF PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS OR HEARINGS, AT THIS CRUCIAL  
POINT IN PEACE NEGOTIATIONS. MY FEELING IS THAT, WHILE  
CASE COULD BE MADE FOR SLIGHT REDUCTION ON BASIS OF SOME-  
WHAT IMPROVED PERFORMANCE OF EGYPTIAN ECONOMY, OUR  
POLITICAL STAKE IN SUCCESS OF DELICATE AND RISKY PEACE  
PROCESS IS OF SUFFICIENTLY OVERRIDING IMPORTANCE THAT  
CONCERNS OF DEVELOPMENT SPECIALISTS IN AID/W MUST BE  
CLEARLY SECONDARY CONSIDERATION OVER COMING FEW MONTHS.  
IT WOULD BE UNFORTUNATE AT THIS STAGE EVEN FOR AID'S  
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RECOMMENDED SUPPORT LEVELS IN 1980-82 TO BECOME PUBLIC  
KNOWLEDGE, REGARDLESS OF MERITS OF ARGUMENTS BEHIND  
JUSTIFICATION FOR TOTAL DOLLAR FIGURES.

2. I RAISE THIS POINT WITH YOU NOW IN THE EXPECTATION THAT  
WE WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY FURTHER TO DISCUSS THE MATTER  
SHORTLY. EILTS

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